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MEMORANDUM FOR ACTING CHAIRMAN, USIB

SUBJECT : Secretariat Summary of USIB Agenda for 19 August

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NOTE: [ ] USIB Coordinator for  
O/ DDI will, in [ ] absence, be  
sitting at the secretary's table to assist  
me.

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- Item 1 Watch Report No. 1095  
Draft by the Watch Committee to be circulated for USIB approval;  
Sponsor - Mr. Lehman
- Item 2 Memorandum for Holders of NIE on Soviet Strategic Defenses  
BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;  
Sponsor - Mr. Huizenga

BNE advises that this paper, required for fall program review, follows fairly soon after the issuance of the basic NIE 11-3-71 in February. Although not comprehensive in its treatment of the subject, BNE has included a greater amount of detail than is normally the case in a Memorandum for Holders. Mr. Huizenga states that there are no major contentious issues in this paper. However, DIA may move at the USIB meeting to include in the Principal Conclusions section the judgment in the NIE [ ]

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[ ] In his briefing memorandum Mr. Huizenga explains why the BNE has resisted this recommendation.

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In addition, the Air Force is preparing a position which it will probably submit as a footnote challenging the judgment that the BEAR aircraft is no longer in production. The text of the Air Force position on this question should be available before the USIB meeting.

With the exception of the changes discussed with the Deputy Director, Mr. Huizenga recommends no other changes in the present text.

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- Item 3 NIE on the Changing Scene in Europe  
BNE draft coordinated with USIB Representatives for USIB approval;  
Sponsor - Mr. Huizenga

This is a regularly scheduled estimate. INR, State and NSC Staff have also indicated interest in this subject. We know of no dissents. BNE advises that the President's announcement on the economy has necessitated some revisions as they impact on Europe. BNE is preparing a briefing memorandum which, together with the revisions, will be available prior to the USIB meeting.

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Acting Executive Secretary, USIB

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